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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowability mailed May 17, 2005, Applicant submits the following remarks responsive to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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REMARKS

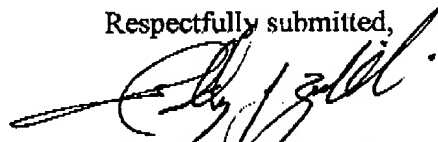
In response to the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, Applicant believes that a separate Statement of Reasons for Allowance is unnecessary in the present case as the file history sufficiently sets forth the patentable distinctions of claims 1-26.

The patentability of claims 1-26 lies in each claim as a whole. That is, a single particular element or feature of a claim does not define the claim's patentability, but rather, the combination of elements and the interconnection therebetween that define the invention.

Applicant does not acquiesce to the accuracy of the Examiner's statements in the Reasons for Allowance and relies on its previous responses.

Entry of these remarks is appreciated and Applicant cordially invites the Examiner to respond, should the Examiner disagree.

Respectfully submitted,



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